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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHIMAZAKI ET AL. 

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 13-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 13-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The action is responsive to the Amendment filed on February 6, 2006. Claims 1-6 and 13-27 pending. Claims 1-6 have been amended. Claims 7-12 have been cancelled. Claims 13-27 are new.
2. The amendments filed February 6, 2006 are sufficient to overcome the prior objections to the drawings, objections to the specification, and 35 USC § 112 rejections.

Claim Objections

3. **Claim 16** is objected to because of the following informalities: Line 7 of claim 16 which currently reads "by physical imitation" should be changed to read -- by physical limitation. --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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1. **Claims 1-6, 13, 14, 16-18, 20-25 and 27** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smocha et al. (US Patent 6,694,288) (hereinafter "Smocha").

With respect to **claims 1 and 21**, Smocha teaches a load monitoring condition determination method for determining a load monitoring condition for performing load monitoring of a computer system comprised of one computer or a plurality of computers (col 3, ln 8-32), wherein the method comprises:

giving a load to the computer system from outside of the computer system (col 3, ln 49-54);

measuring a response or a throughput outside the computer system while the load is given to the computer system (col 4, ln 61-64; col 6, ln 38-53);

measuring a resource situation inside the computer system while the load is given to the computer system (col 6, ln 38-53); and

determining a load monitoring condition used for the load monitoring of the computer system from the amount of load given to the computer, the results of measuring the response or throughput and the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system (col 7, ln 56 – col 8, ln 28);

wherein the load monitoring condition includes information, regarding an item being monitoring, which computer of the computer system and which item of resources should be monitored and a threshold to be used for monitoring of the monitoring item (col 11, ln 15-30; col 12, ln 29-49; col 13, ln 3-10).

With respect to **claim 4**, Smocha teaches the limitations of parent claim 1 wherein determining the load monitoring condition (col 3, ln 8-32):

presenting, to a system administrator, information on the amount of load given to the computer system, the results of measuring the response or throughput and the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system (col 12, ln 16-39); and

having a part or all of the load monitoring conditions optimum for load monitoring of the computer system selected by the system administrator and setting the selected information as the load monitoring conditions (col 4, ln 55-64; col 12, ln 16-39).

With respect to **claim 5**, Smocha teaches a load monitoring condition determination system for determining a load monitoring condition for performing load monitoring of a computer system comprised of one computer or a plurality of computers, wherein the system comprises (col 3, ln 8-32),;

load generating means for giving a load to the computer system from outside the computer system (Fig. 1: 170; col 3, ln 49-54; col 4, ln 47-54);

external response and throughput measuring means for measuring a response or a throughput outside the computer system while giving the load to the computer system (col 4, ln 61-64; col 6, ln 38-53); and

load monitoring condition judgment support means for determining a load monitoring condition used for load monitoring of the computer system from the amount of load given to the computer system (Fig. 1: 190; col 8, ln 13-17), the results of measuring the response or throughput (col 5, ln 7-11) and the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system while giving the load to the computer system (col 6, ln 38-53),

wherein the load monitoring condition includes information, regarding an item being monitoring, which computer of the computer system and which item of resources should be monitored and a threshold to be used for monitoring of the monitoring item (col 11, ln 15-30; col 12, ln 29-49; col 13, ln 3-10).

With respect to **claims 6, 22, and 23**, Smocha teaches parent claim 5 as shown above wherein the load monitoring condition judgment support means relates to the load given to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system (col 3, ln 8-32):

detects a resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load given and sets the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored (col 3, ln 36-39; col 10, ln 1-5),

determines the threshold as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by calculating from the measured response (col 12, ln 7-15) or throughput (col 6, ln 48-53) and physical limitation (col 6, ln 35-37, ln 54-58).

With respect to **claims 2, 16 and 22**, Smocha teaches the load monitoring determination method of parent claims 1 and 6 wherein the load monitoring condition includes (col 3, ln 8-32):

relating the load given from the outside to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system (col 3, ln 36-39; col 10, ln 1-5);

thereby detecting a resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load setting (col 11, ln 50-62) rendering the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored (col 12, ln 16-23); and

determining the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by any of means of marginal performance calculated from measured response (col 12, ln 7-15) or throughput (col 6, ln 48-53).

With respect to **claims 3, 17, and 24**, Smocha teaches the limitations of parent claims 2, 5 and 21 wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes: in the case where the results of measuring the response or throughput show the marginal performance, determining the threshold based on the results of measuring the resource situation of the resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load (col 12, ln 7-23).

With respect to **claims 13 and 23**, Smocha teaches all the limitations of parent claim 1 wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

relating the load given externally to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system (col 3, ln 36-39; col 10, ln 1-5);

thereby detecting a resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load setting the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored (col 11, ln 50-62); and

determining the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by physical limitation calculated from the results of measuring the resource situation (col 6, ln 35-37, ln 54-58).

With respect to **claims 14, 18, and 25**, Smocha teaches the load monitoring condition determination method according to parent claim 13 as shown above, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

in the case where the results of measuring the resource situation of the monitored resource item show the physical limitation, determining the threshold based on the physical limitation of resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load (col 6, ln 35-37, ln 54-62; col 11, ln 19-22).

With respect to **claim 20**, Smocha teaches the load monitoring condition determination system according to parent claim 5 as shown above, comprising threshold monitoring means for performing the load monitoring of the computer system using the determined load monitoring condition (col 11, ln 20-23; col 12, ln 29-39).

With respect to **claim 27**, Smocha teaches determining the load monitoring condition including:

presenting, to a system administrator, information on the amount of load given to the computer system, the results of measuring the response or throughput and the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system (col 11, ln 5-30; col 12, ln 1-6); and

having part or all of the load monitoring conditions optimum for load monitoring of the computer system selected by the system administrator and setting the selected information as the load monitoring conditions (col 9, ln 63 – col 10, ln 10; col 12, ln 29-32; col 13, ln 3-10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claim 15, 19, and 26** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smocha et al. (US Patent 6,694,288) in view of Bertram et al. (US Patent 6,470,464) (hereinafter "Bertram").

With respect to **claims 15, 19, and 26**, Smocha teaches the load monitoring condition determination method according to parent claim 2 as shown above, but does not teach predicting values. Bertram teaches that if the results of measuring the response or throughput do not show the marginal performance and the resource determined as the monitoring item does not show the physical limitation (Bertram: col 5, ln 56-65), predicting the marginal performance of the response or throughput from the results of measuring the response or throughput (Bertram: col 10, ln 41-54), predicting the resource situation of the monitoring item at the predicted marginal performance of the response or throughput from the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system (Bertram: col 10, ln 55-58), and determining the threshold based on the predicted resource situation (Bertram: col 11, ln 23-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Smocha to include the prediction model of Bertram et al. because predicting a resource situation will allow the system to produce warnings to be sent to

the user to enable them to improve the computer system (Bertram: col 3, ln 27-34, col 9, ln 48-56).

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed February 6, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Smocha fails to disclose or suggest dynamically determining a resource item to be monitored and a threshold to be used for monitoring based on the results of monitoring as a monitoring condition; however, Applicant's arguments are not well taken. There is no claim which mentions "dynamically" determining a resource item. Smocha teaches that results from a first test session are used to determine what type of analysis should be performed after this first test session (col 13, ln 3-10). Smocha further teaches that thresholds are determined by what values are of most interest to an analyst (col 11, ln 57-62) and are used to find the most significant monitors to be examined (col 11, ln 15-25). These parameters can be altered after the first test session to produce more meaningful test results (col 12, ln 20-23).

Conclusion

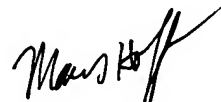
2. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet Suglo whose telephone number is 571-272-8584. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc Hoff can be reached on 571-272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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